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DPG accelerator (diphenyl guanidine) and, for examples in the invention, MBTS accelerator (2-mercaptobenzothiazyl disulfide) and Thiokol™ LP31. Table I lists the rubber formulation used throughout the examples. - -

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In the Claims:

Please amend claims 5, 9, and 14 as follows:

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5. A long chain crosslinked elastomeric composition of matter, as set forth in claim 1, wherein said accelerators are selected from the group consisting of thiazoles, amines, guanidines, thioureas, thiols, thiurams, sulfenamides, dithiocarbamates and xanthates.
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9. A method, as set forth in claim 6, wherein said accelerators are selected from the group consisting of thiazoles, amines, guanidines, thioureas, thiols, thiurams, sulfenamides, dithiocarbamates and xanthates.
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14. A rubber article, as set forth in claim 11, wherein said accelerators are selected from the group consisting of thiazoles, amines, guanidines, thioureas, thiols, thiurams, sulfenamides, dithiocarbamates and xanthates.
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19. A pneumatic tire, as set forth in claim 16, wherein said accelerators are selected from the group consisting of thiazoles, amines, guanidines, thioureas, thiols, thiurams, sulfenamides, dithiocarbamates and xanthates.
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